

ROCKEFELLER TO FEED EUROPE'S STARVING HOSTS

Quickly Plans to Spend
Millions to Relieve
War's Horrors.

\$275,000 CARGO OFF TO
BELGIUM TO-MORROW

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to
Use Foundation Cash
for Relief.

HASTE IN FEAR MANY
IN WANT WILL DIE

Ambassador Page, Asked for
Advice, Tells of Peril
of Refugees.

The Rockefeller Foundation, through
its president, John D. Rockefeller, Jr.,
made known yesterday its determina-
tion to do everything within its power
for the relief of non-combatants in the
European war. To this end, Mr. Rocke-
feller says in a statement issued over
his name, no exertion will be spared and
millions of dollars, if necessary, will be
spent.

Already a steamer, the Massapequa
of the New York and Porto Rico Steam-
ship Company, has been chartered to
sail with all speed with foodstuffs for
the starving Belgians. With a casual-
ness which hints at the immense sums
of money the foundation stands ready
to spend, it is mentioned that the sup-
plies now being stowed away in the hold
of the steamer mark an initial expendi-
ture of \$275,000. The Massapequa will
leave New York to-morrow.

Other steamers laden with food and
other supplies are to follow quickly.

The foundation has announced its
decision to succeed the starving and help-
less non-combatants only after a care-
ful survey of the situation and the dis-
covery that never in recent history has
a condition of such misery and hard-
ship presented itself to any philan-
thropic institution.

Commission Will Study Field.

That the immense sums of money,
which it may be understood from Mr.
Rockefeller's words are to be spent with
a largeness never before known in any
individual charity, may be directed to
the points where the need is greatest
a special commission is to leave New
York within a few days to visit the
countries affected by the war.

At the head of this commission will
be William Rose, director-general of the
International Health Commission,
who organized the Rockefeller campaign
against the hookworm disease in vari-
ous parts of the world. He will be
aided by others yet to be named.

There is to be had from Mr. Rocke-
feller's statement an intimate insight
into the individualism of the charity
and to be dispensed by himself and
his father with no thought of national-
ism or creed and solely with the desire
to distribute kindness where kindness
is most needed. Their work is, of course,
to be absolutely neutral. Aid is to be
given first to those who seem to need
it first, but it is to be given alike to the
people of all the warring nations with-
out restriction and only with a wish to
relieve human misery and suffering.

With this purpose in view the first
steamer being sent will go to Rotterdam,
Holland, there to discharge its cargo
of food for distribution to the non-combatants of Belgium. Later, it is
to be expected, relief will be given to
people of other nationalities wherever
and whenever needed.

Will Supplement Work of Others.

Mr. Rockefeller modestly says that
the work of the foundation will but
supplement the public spirited efforts
of the Belgian Relief Committee and
other philanthropic organizations for
the relief of those made destitute by
the war.

In making its first efforts the founda-
tion has asked for the advice of Am-
bassador Page and has as nearly as
possible followed his suggestions. The
British Council in this city has aided
in the first shipment of supplies by cor-
relying that they are absolutely for non-
combatants and should not be delayed
in transit. H. C. Hoover of the Ameri-
can Relief Committee in London, is an-
other whose advice has been sought.

Mr. Rockefeller's statement, which is
highly interesting because of the mag-
nitude and uniqueness of the task
imposed, follows:

"Having become clear that one of
the most terrible and appalling effects
of the war will fall upon the non-com-
batants—those most innocent of any
part in the cause of the conduct of the
conflict—the Rockefeller Foundation
has determined to exert itself to the
extent, if necessary, of millions of dol-
lars for the relief of non-combatants in
the various countries involved.

"This action is taken as a natural
step in fulfilling the chartered purposes
of the foundation, namely, to promote
the well being of mankind throughout
the world."

Asks Advice of Ambassadors.

It has been written the American Ambas-
sador in London that two forecasts
of the probability that large resources will be
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BEGS AMERICANS TO SEND WOOLLEN YARN TO FRANCE

Princesse de Poix Makes Appeal Through "The
Sun" for Material for Warm Winter Garments
for Her Poverty Stricken Compatriots.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

Paris, November 1.

To the Editor of THE SUN.—Sir: May I appeal to the generous
American public through your in-
fluential columns in behalf of suf-
fering humanity in France?

Our woollen mills have been
stopped and the available supplies
of yarn exhausted. I wish to ask
the men, women and children of
America to send woollen yarns of
any kind to alleviate suffering here
during the winter.

I will undertake that all the yarn
contributed will be knit into suit-
able warm garments and distributed
promptly among needy French
women and girls. I will be only too
happy to do this work, which will
effect much good. No part of the
gifts of such charity will be used
in the expenses of administration.
If generous Americans send yarn it
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without expense, and our gratitude
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RACING AUTO HIT BY TRAIN; THREE KILLED

Dr. G. M. West, Mother and
Cousin Die in Crossing
Accident.

RELATIVES OF GARNERS:
TRAGEDY IS RECALLED

HAVESWORTH, N. Y., Nov. 1.—Three
persons were killed and one was seriously
injured as a result of a race between
an automobile and a train on the New
York and New Jersey Railroad here this
afternoon.

The dead are:

Miss Geraldine Johnson, 25, of Wash-
ington, D. C.

Dr. (Joseph M. West, 51, of Gar-
nerville, until lately of 170 West Eighty-
fifth street, New York.

Mrs. James West, 72, of Garnerville,
mother of Dr. West.

Dr. William E. West, also lately of
170 West Eighty-fifth street, the driver
of the car, sustained a fractured skull,
but if no internal injuries develop it is
expected that he will live.

The four automobiles set out early
yesterday afternoon, and when driving
along a stretch of road that runs paral-
lel to the New York and New Jersey Rail-
road just west of Trinity Church cross-
ing sped the car to keep up with the
eastbound train, which arrived at Gar-
nerville at 11:47 on Sundays. At the
crossing the road turns suddenly and
crosses the tracks.

Dr. William West, who was at the
wheel, saw that his machine could not
cross in front of the train and, it is sur-
mised, attempted to apply the foot brake.
In his haste, however, he placed his foot
on the accelerator. The car shot directly
in front of the engine and in the result-
ing crash its occupants were thrown fifty
feet, three being instantly killed. The car
was of course demolished.

The Wests are an old and wealthy
Garnerville family, being closely con-
nected with the Garners, for whom the
town was named. Mrs. James West was
a first cousin of William L. Garner, the
cotton manufacturer, who, with his wife,
lived down on the ill-fated Mohawk in
1876. Her husband was a lawyer in Gar-
nerville. Besides the two sons that were
in the accident with her, she was the
mother of a third, Harry J. West, a min-
ing engineer.

Dr. Gerald M. West, her oldest son,
was born in Garnerville in 1863. He was
graduated from Columbia, where he first
studied law and later dentistry, and finally
took up the dental profession in New
York, where he has had a large practice.
He is survived by a wife and a five-
year-old daughter.

Miss Johnson was a member of the
Washington branch of the family.

Brother of Dr. West, Joseph Johnson, one of
the prominent physicians of the capital,
and came to visit in Garnerville only
on Saturdays.

Auto Recently Purchased.

Dr. Gerald West, his wife and some-
times his two brothers have lived in the
St. Elmo apartments, at the corner of
Eighty-fifth street and West End avenue,
New York, for twelve years. Their sum-
mers have always been spent in Gar-
nerville. This year they decided not to
move to the old family home. Their car
was purchased about two months
ago, as they had been great lovers of
horses previously. Indeed, J. Garner
West, a relative of Garnerville, is noted
as a horseman and has many prizes at
the Madison Square Garden. All were
parishioners of the St. Ignatius Church, at
the corner of West Eighty-second street
and West End avenue.

It is remarked as a singular stroke of
fate that they should have been so closely
connected with the Garners, and the
tragedy of the Mohawk, which caused the
death of an automobile owned and driven
by Victor H. Cronwell, a salesman of 32
Fairfield road, sped along. The machine
hit Casey and dragged him several feet,
breaking his neck. He died a few minutes
later in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mr. Cronwell, who was accompanied by
his brother, Charles Cronwell, and three
women of their family, gave him-
self up. Coroner Dunn directed his arrest
on a charge of manslaughter and paroled
him in custody of Police Captain Conley.
Mr. Cronwell was unmoved by the ac-
cident and one of the women in the machine
fainted.

CHAS. E. MATTHEWS—DESKS.

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